

POETRY CLUB.

DEAR EX-STUDENTS,

The Poetry Club has suffered grievously this term, owing first of all to "As You Like it," which necessitated rehearsals every half-holiday, and lately we have found it difficult to persuade people to come in from their long walks. We have, therefore, only one meeting to report.

May 5th.—This was the first meeting of this term. There was a very fair attendance, the Juniors especially being present in large numbers. It was deemed unnecessary to give a life of Browning, so the evening was begun by reading "The Epistle." We then read "One Word More," "The Patriot: an incident in the French camp," and "The Glove," which is especially interesting as giving a different view of the event described in Schiller's "Das Handschuh." There was some difference of opinion as to which view is preferable. "The Lost Leader" was also read; this poem is supposed to refer to an American who left the cause of the patriots to become governor of Newfoundland.

In choosing the poets for next term, we have decided to take a period beginning with the Caroline poets and working straight on. We have selected:

Crawshaw	Carew
Vaughan	Milton (shorter poems)
Cowley	Dryden
("Absalom and Achitophel" and "The Hind and the Panther.")	

Miss Mason made a suggestion the other day which she thought might act as a preventive of desultory reading. A lady she had met told her of the delight she had gained from taking a certain epoch in the world's history (such as French Revolution) and reading everything written about and during it till she was quite familiar with it.

We thought you might perhaps like to hear of this suggestion, which we appreciate very much.

THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY.

THE READING CLUB.

"The same reproaches manifold,
The same complaints as made of old."

Books recommended:—

"The Conqueror," G. Atherton.

A life of Alexander Hamilton, containing a marvellous description of a tornado in the West Indies.

"Life of Froude," H. Paul.

"My Life," A. R. Wallace.

Extraordinarily interesting as a careful study of youth, education, and maturity, and the gradual evolution of a specialist from apparently adventitious "tastes."

"The Wild Flowers of Selborne," Rev. W. S. Vaughan.

Chapters on Plant Distribution, &c., of great interest.

EDITORIAL.

The Editor must again plead for more support—as the number of students increases, it becomes correspondingly difficult to know them all personally or appeal to each for the contributions they could best supply. The "Plant" can never be vital or interesting until we make it so, and it has need to be more of both. It would surely not be difficult to supply a few teaching notes, as to methods, or any especial wrinkles, yet these never reach us. The next issue should appear in October, therefore all contributions should be sent to the Editor by October 1st. Papers are especially asked for criticising the article reprinted from "The World," and entering into the question of "The Wide Curriculum."

Accounts of holidays would also be gladly received.

R. A. PENNETHORNE,

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c/o MRS. DICKENS,
ISBELLS,
REIGATE,
JULY 14TH, 1906.

DEAR MISS GRAY,

It is indeed most sweet of the students to have thought of me, and I was most surprised when I received the first intimation of their intention.

The beautiful tea service has arrived, and we are charmed with it; it is one that I feel sure will improve with daily acquaintance, and that we like it better each time we use it.

I should much like to be able to personally thank all of those to whom I am indebted for such a pretty present; but since it is not possible for me to do this, I must ask you to carry to them my most sincere thanks.

It was so nice of you to leave the choice of design to me, and I much hope you will approve of it.

With kind regards, and very, very many thanks,

Yours sincerely,

F. NÖEL ARMFIELD.